

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

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Directional tap 105, picks out the light incident on the filter grating 103 and the light reflected from the filter grating and directs it to the two detectors 104 placed on either side of the fiber 108. Useful taps include a fused fiber PM coupler (not shown) or a tilted grating tap 105. The tilted grating tap is more compact than a PM coupler. Directional tap 105, filter grating 103, detectors 104, and fiber 108 are housed as shown (figs. 1 and 2) in package 102.